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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2003, Applicants respond as follows.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the notice that claims 6 and 32 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form for including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants also submit herewith corrected FIGs. 1 and 2 with proper margins in response to the Notice of Draftspersons Patent Drawing Review.

Claims 1-5, 7-31 and 33-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,783,798 (Leibholz). The Leibholz reference is directed to an encrypting

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